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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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	Devin Leake, et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/551,350	) Art Unit
		) 1635
Filed:	October 19, 2006	)
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Title:	MODIFIED POLYNUCLEOTIDES FOR	)
	USE IN RNA INTERFERENCE	)
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Confirmation No.:	3238	)
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Customer No.:	022913	)
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Examiner:	Amy Hudson Bowman	)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

VIA E-FILE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated September 8, 2008 (paper no. 20080903), be extended for one (1) month until January 8, 2009.

Payment in the amount of \$130.00 using the Credit Card payment option in E-Filer with RAM will be used to cover the payment of the fees with respect to this Petition for Extension of Time.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16;

X Any patent application and reexamination processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17;

X And/or any post issuance fees under 37 CFR § 1.20;

X Any additional applicable fees;

X In addition, if any additional extension of time is required, which has not otherwise been requested, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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